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Territorial army ready for active duty

The Central Government on Friday empowered the Chief of Army Staff to call out "every office and every enrolled person" of the Territorial Army on active duty amid escalating tensions with Pakistan.

This decision came under the power conferred by Rule 33 of the Territorial Army Rule 1948.

According to a notification from the Ministry of Defence, the government has sanctioned 14 out of the existing 32 Infantry Battalions of the Territorial Army for deployment in the areas of Southern Command, Eastern Command, Western Command, Central Command, Northern Command, South Western Command, Andaman and Nicobar Command and Army.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 33 of the Territorial Army Rule 1948, the Central Government empowers Chief of the Army Staff to exercise the powers under that rule to call out every officer and every enrolled person of the Territorial Army to provide for essential guard or to be embodied for the purpose of supporting or supplementing the regular army to the extent," the notification from Ministry of Defence stated.

"Out of the existing 32 Infantry Battalions (Territorial Army), embodiment of 14 Infantry Battalions (Territorial Army) for deployment in the areas of Southern Command, Eastern Command, Western Command, Central Command, Northern Command, South Western Command, Andaman and Nicobar Command and Army," it added.

This order will remain in effect for a period of three years, until February 2028.

Pakistan on Thursday night launched a series of coordinated drone and missile attacks along India's western border, targeting regions in Jammu and Kashmir and Rajasthan. According to Indian defence officials, the attacks were largely intercepted by India's air defence systems, including the S-400 missile defence system, preventing significant damage.

This comes after India conducted Operation Sindoor, which targeted terrorist camps in Pakistan following a deadly terrorist attack in Kashmir that killed 26 tourists on April 22. **–ANI**

IPL 2025 suspended for one week

Indian Premier League (IPL) chairman Arun Dhumal said the 18th edition of the cash-rich league has been suspended for a week, and the restarting of the event will be decided after assessing the situation.

On Friday afternoon, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced its decision to suspend the remainder of the ongoing IPL 2025, with immediate effect, for one week due to the escalating tensions between India and Pakistan.

IPL chairman Arun Dhumal said, "The tournament has been suspended for a week. The next decision will be taken after assessing the situation."

Further, he spoke about the clash between the Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals, which was played at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association (HPCA) Stadium in Dharamshala, being called off midway through the first innings. Spectators were informed of the cancellation and asked to vacate the premises, while both teams were escorted back to their hotel.

"As you know, the situation escalated yesterday... To ensure no panic in the crowd and the safety of the public, steps were taken and people were evacuated comfortably," Dhumal added.

According to a BCCI source, the Indian board arranged a special Vande Bharat train to transport players from Delhi Capitals (DC), Punjab Kings (PBKS), and the entire broadcast crew from Dharamshala to Delhi. **–ANI**

GOVT GROUNDS FLIGHTS AT 28 AIRPORTS TILL MAY 15

Following Pakistan's drone attacks, government extended airport closures; IndiGo and Air India cancelled flights and issued passenger advisories

After Pakistan attempted to attack multiple cities in Northern India using drones, the Ministry of Civil Aviation on Friday extended the closure of 28 airports across the country until 15 May morning from 10 May.

A senior government official confirmed that after a meeting with other stakeholders, the decision has been taken and airlines and airport authorities have been informed about it.

In their statement, Indigo Airlines mentioned that per the latest directives from the relevant authorities, all flights to and from the following destinations will remain cancelled until 5:29 am on May 15 due to temporary airport closures.

Srinagar, Jammu, Amritsar, Leh, Chandigarh, Dharamshala, Bikaner, Rajkot, Jodhpur, and Kishangarh airports will be closed until May 15.

"These precautionary measures have been instituted with your safety and security as our highest priority. We remain fully committed to providing unwavering support while navigating this situation together," reads the statement.

Air India also issued a travel advisory for the passengers.

In a social media post on X, they wrote, "Following a notification from aviation authorities on continued closure of multiple airports in India, Air India flights to and from the following stations - Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Bhuj, Jamnagar and Rajkot - are being cancelled till 0529 hrs IST on 15 May, pending further updates. Customers holding valid tickets for travel during this period will be offered a one-time waiver on rescheduling charges or a full refund for cancellations."

Meanwhile, in a major escalation along India's western front, the Pakistani army carried out multiple airspace violations and drone intrusions on the night of May 7 and 8, targeting Indian military infrastructure.

Addressing a press briefing on Friday, Colonel Sofiya Qureshi revealed that 300 to 400 drones were deployed across 36 locations, with several being shot down by Indian forces using both kinetic and non-kinetic methods. Initial investigations suggest the drones were Turkish-made Asisguard Songar models.

Colonel Sofiya Qureshi said, "On the night of May 7 and 8, the Pakistani army violated Indian airspace several times over the entire western border to target military infrastructure. Not only this, the Pakistani army also fired heavy-calibre weapons along the Line of Control. Around 300 to 400 drones were used to attempt infiltration."

She added, "The Indian armed forces shot down many of these drones using kinetic and non-kinetic means. The possible purpose of such large-scale aerial intrusions was to test air defence systems and collect intelligence. Forensic investigation of the wreckage of the drones is being done. Initial reports suggest that they are Turkish Asisguard Songar drones..."

Escalating its tensions with India, Pakistan targeted Jammu using Hamas-style missiles to target multiple areas on Thursday, defence sources told.

The sources said the attack resembled a Hamas-style operation in Israel, where multiple cheap rockets were used to target cities.

Pakistan's attempted retaliation came in the wake of India's Operation Sindoor, where the Indian armed forces targeted nine terror infrastructures in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir on Wednesday.

The operation was a direct response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack. **–ANI**

India intensifies diplomatic efforts, targets terrorism at core

India has ramped up its diplomatic offensive against Pakistan following the military conflict, with its Ambassador to the US, Vinay Kwatra, saying that the country is at war with the terrorists and will bring justice to victims of the Pahalgam terror attack by holding the "lowlifes, subhuman monsters" accountable.

Separately, Indian envoy to the UK Vikram Doraiswami said India's response to Pakistan's original conflict escalation with the terrorist attacks in Pahalgam was "precise, targeted", and focused solely on terror infrastructure but Islamabad has chosen to continue to escalate the matter instead of taking an "off-ramp" to end the crisis.

Tensions between India and Pakistan soared significantly following India's Operation Sindoor on early Wednesday in response to the Pahalgam attack on April 22 that had cross-border linkages and Pakistan's subsequent unsuccessful attempt to attack 15 Indian cities.

Tensions rise after Operation Sindoor counters cross-border attack attempt

"It is nobody's case to say that these terrorists should be given a free pass, and that's precisely what we did the day before yesterday, held them accountable," Kwatra said and described India's action as "a very precise, calibrated, measured response to these terrorists."

"We are at war with the terrorists, and we will, as I said, bring justice to the victims and hold them accountable," he said.

Doraiswami, said that the international community can intervene by pointing out the opportunity for an off-ramp to Pakistan.

He displayed an image live on air of US-designated Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorist Abdur Rauf leading prayers for the terrorists killed in Operation Sindoor, also presented during a briefing by Foreign Secretary Vikram Mistry in New Delhi.

"Everybody knows that for the last 30 years, Pakistan has used this (terrorism) as a means of sub-critical warfare against India," said Doraiswami. **-PTI**

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60-odd businessmen get rude shock as they find truckloads of debris dumped in passages leading to their shops

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TOLL ORDER

Commuters protest as Kanakapura-Malavalli route they prefer to avoid tolls on Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway is now under toll net too

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Even though guest faculty members have to bear major part of academic burden in face of staggering staff shortage, they are paid measly salaries and state govt yet to regularise their jobs

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From primary to higher education, Karnataka's public education system leans heavily on guest teachers and lecturers. Over 73,000 guest faculty members are currently shouldering the responsibility of educating students across the state.

Yet, year after year, they are forced to fight for job security and basic rights, all while the academic calendar rolls on.

Massive vacancies

The scale of staff shortage is staggering. The Department of School Education and Literacy is grappling with 62,145 vacancies, while the Department of Higher Education has 13,013 unfilled positions.

Due to this, guest teachers have become an indispensable part of the system. In 41,905 primary schools, a total of 50,067 teacher positions remain vacant, and 9,705 posts are unfilled across 4,871 high schools. Last academic year, only 43,968 guest teachers were appointed against the 59,772 vacancies, leaving a significant gap.

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"The entire education system relies heavily on guest lecturers, yet our basic demands, including job security, remain unaddressed. Both students and teachers are suffering

—Dr. Hanumantgouda Kalmani, Guest Lecturers' Association – Govt Degree Colleges

Posts from the edge

City police keep hawk eye on social media posts that are either false or provocative

A Kashmiri boy looks out of the window of a bus after they evacuated their village following overnight shelling from Pakistan at Gingal village in Uri district

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In the wake of escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, Bengaluru police have been placed on high alert, following instructions to take immediate action against those spreading false or provocative news that could disturb communal harmony. Law enforcement agencies have been directed to monitor online platforms closely and register suo motu cases against individuals or groups attempting to incite unrest.

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The move comes after a series of recent incidents triggered alarm across social media platforms. One such case recently on platform X, following Operation Sindoor, a user tagged Bengaluru police officials while reposting a screenshot of an Instagram story which was posted by a resident of JP Nagar in which the individual had labelled the operation as a cowardly act. The post also included details of the individual who made the provocative comment, prompting several citizens to urge the police to take action.

Commenting on the situation, Police Commissioner B Dayanand stated that any act that disrupts communal harmony or law and order—whether provocative,

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THINGS TO DO

01 Classical performance

Shibulal Family Philanthropic Initiatives (SFPI) under their Sangamam initiative, have curated a Kuchipudi performance by Guru Smt Vyjayanthi Kashi, a celebrated exponent of the art form, along with Prateeksha Kashi and the Shambhavi Dance Ensemble. **Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur; When: May 10, 6 pm**

02 Feeling blue

Windmills is presenting The Arinjoy Trio, one of India's most electrifying blues acts, who have carved a distinctive place in the Indian music scene with their dynamic interpretations of blues music. **Where: Windmills, Whitefield; When: May 9 and 10, 9.30 pm**

03 Shopping haven

The Meena Bazaar Arts and Crafts Mela presents a vibrant mix of women's clothing, fashion accessories, perfumes, footwear, imitation jewellery, home appliances, and children's toys. **Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Seshadripuram; When: Until May 11**

04 Story sphere

As a part of the inaugural edition of goREADS, goSTOPS is organising a book discussion for 'Can't', 'Eden Abandoned', and 'Hell Hath No Fury', authored by Shinie Antony, short-fiction writer, novelist, editor, and co-founder of the Bangalore Literature Festival. **Where: goSTOPS, HSR Layout; When: May 10, 4 pm**

Parappana Agrahara Central Jail to be split into three units

Process of structural division is already in its final stages, with massive walls being built to separate new facilities housing convicted inmates, undertrials, and high-security prisoners

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In the wake of serious allegations, including the recent controversy surrounding special privileges allegedly given to actor Darshan and his associates, the Karnataka government has ordered the bifurcation of Parappana Agrahara Central Jail into three separate prison units. The move aims to curb illegal activities and ensure stricter monitoring and administration.

As per the new directive, the existing prison will be reorganised into three distinct segments—one each for convicted inmates, undertrials, and high-security prisoners. The process of structural division is already in its final stages, with massive walls being built to separate the three facilities. A new building is also being constructed to house high-security prisoners.

Currently, Parappana Agrahara Central Prison houses about 4,800 inmates—both convicts and undertrials

"There will be three independent prisons functioning separately within the Parappana Agrahara premises. Women inmates will also be housed in a separately functioning division," said a senior official.

Dedicated officers and infrastructure

Officers and staff currently assigned to the Central Prison will be redistributed across the three new units. The government is also expected to create additional posts soon. As per the new administrative plan, a Superintendent of Police (SP)-rank officer will head the convict and undertrial prisons, while an Additional SP-rank officer will oversee the high-security prison. All three prisons will be supervised by a Chief Superintendent.

Public outcry prompts proposal

The restructuring was initially proposed by the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Malini Krishnamurthy, following rising concerns over misuse of power and facilities inside the prison. Soon after the proposal, allegations emerged about special treatment being given to actor Darshan, accused in the Renukaswamy murder case, which fueled further public criticism. The government approved the restructuring to introduce lasting reforms.

Officers and staff currently assigned to the Central Prison will be redistributed across the three new units

Overcrowding and staff shortage addressed

Currently, Parappana Agrahara Central Prison houses about 4,800 inmates—both convicts and undertrials. However, only around 400 staff are actively deployed, despite 800 sanctioned posts, leading to severe manpower shortages. With the creation of three separate units, essential facilities like kitchens, hospitals, and visitor areas will also be independently organized. The new high-security block will have the capacity to house 300 to 400 inmates, officials confirmed.

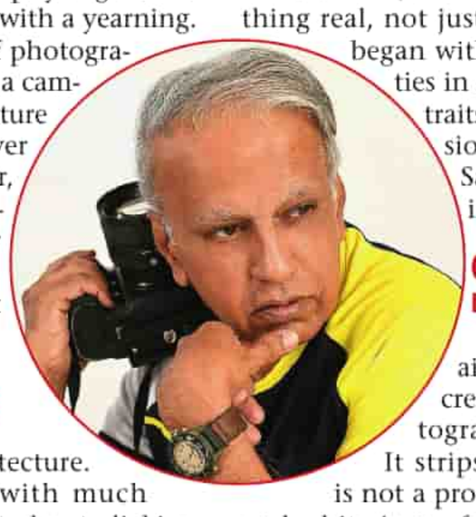
Manipal Hospital Malleshwaram gets new CATH Lab

Manipal Hospital Malleshwaram has opened a CATH Lab, inaugurated by Malleswaram MLA Dr CN Ashwath Narayan. The facility has been set up in response to the rising number of cardiac cases, particularly among the elderly. Dr Narayan said that the focus is on ensuring access to necessary medical services for senior citizens in Bengaluru. Dr H Sudarshan Ballal, Chairman of Manipal Hospitals, stated that the hospital aims to provide accurate diagnosis and timely treatment, guided by patient needs. **— BMB**

75 and still in focus: Sathya Vagale's lens on life

In an era fixated on youth and instant success, 75-year-old Sathya Vagale stands tall—calm, creative, and ever-evolving. A former architect, now a passionate fashion photographer, Sathya proves that age is just a number when your heart is full of purpose.

Sathya's journey into photography began decades ago, not with a camera, but with a yearning. "As a child, I found the world of photography fascinating. I couldn't afford a camera back then, but the urge to capture the wild beauty of the world never left me," he recalled. Years later, while working abroad and earning in dollars, he saved for four months to buy his first camera. That purchase marked the start of his photographic journey.



From drawing boards to photo boards

Sathya's first career was in architecture. "I didn't begin photography with much technical knowledge, it was just about clicking whatever caught my eye. After practicing architecture for 30 years, around 2010, I reconnected with friends who were into wildlife and bird photography. That's when my serious interest began, especially with birding," Sathya said. He said that over time, his focus evolved—starting with wildlife, then gradually shifting to landscape and travel photography as he explored more, before transitioning into people, travel, and eventually, fashion.

Unlike commercialised, glossy fashion shoots, Sathya's work is rooted in raw expression and emotional depth. "I was never drawn to the barbie doll style of photography," he said. He said that fashion, to him, is about capturing something real, not just surface beauty. His journey began with observing tribal communities in Africa—their people, physical traits, cultural tattoos, and expressions. Later, his focus shifted to Sadhus in India, further shaping his perspective.

Capturing truth, not trends

While most fashion shoots aim for perfection, Sathya seeks creativity. "Black and white photography is a powerful medium. It strips away distractions. Fashion is not a product, it's an expression. Black and white is my favourite medium, it carries a stronger and powerful meaning than colour," he said.

"Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be a powerful tool for enhancing creativity," said Sathya. "In the past, we only had static paintings of kings and queens—now, we can bring them to life as moving images," he added. He highlighted that while that can sometimes create a sense of false hope or illusion, the technology also has its advantages. He said that it allows us to add smoke effects, enhance colours, or generate imaginative backgrounds behind models. He stated that the real challenge lies in using AI intelligently and responsibly. However, he noted that some individuals push its capabilities too far, resulting in unrealistic and overly artificial visuals that lack authenticity.

Words of wisdom for the young

Sathya often works with aspiring models and photographers, and doesn't shy away from giving them a reality check. "Today's youngsters are quick to grasp tech, but many lack discipline. Many youngsters treat this like a timepass," he added. As for the bold and semibold photoshoots trending among younger creators, he bluntly said, "That's not fashion, it's a shortcut to nowhere. You need patience, persistence, and perseverance."

The takeaway?

Sathya Vagale's life is a masterclass in lifelong learning, reinvention, and staying true to one's vision. "I didn't know the ABC of photography when I began. I learned through trial and error. But some of my best work, clicked 15 years ago, still holds value. So I tell youngsters, invest in yourself, be patient, and always strive to improve," he said, with a camera in hand and a twinkle in his eye to youngsters. **— Sanjana CS**

Erratic weather drives up vegetable costs

Due to overcast conditions and irregular rain, many vegetables have failed to mature properly, resulting in lower yield and severely affected supply, say traders

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The surge has left customers reluctant to make purchases, particularly affecting the city's lower and middle-income families

The combined effect of unexpected rainfall and scorching summer heat has wreaked havoc on vegetable crops across Karnataka, resulting in a sharp spike in prices by up to Rs 40 per kilogram in the past week. The surge has left customers reluctant to make purchases, particularly affecting the city's lower and middle-income families.

Prices of commonly consumed vegetables such as beans, peas, knol-khol, cauliflower, lemon, and cucumber have seen significant increases. Additionally, the season for avarekai (hyacinth beans) has come to an end, pushing its price further upward. Coming at a time when coconut prices are already on the rise, this latest hike is a double blow to Bengaluru's common citizens.

Supply hit, markets suffer

The volume of vegetables arriving at major markets like Kalasipalya and Dasanapura has dropped. Heavy rainfall over the past week has led to spoilage of crops in the fields. Wholesale prices calculated per quintal have also gone up, cascading down to retail outlets at KR Market, Gandhi Bazaar, Malleswaram, and Yeshwanthpur, where vegetables are now being sold at steep rates.

Reduced yield, soaring prices

Traders said that due to the overcast conditions and irregular rain, many vegetables have failed to mature properly. As a result, crops such as green chilies, ridge gourd, bitter gourd, and cluster beans have witnessed a dip in yield. Hyacinth beans have been replaced in the market by alternative crops, which are being sold at a whopping Rs 300 to Rs 350 per kg. Even leafy vegetables such as fenugreek, amaranth and spinach are rotting due to excessive moisture, severely affecting supply and increasing market rates.

Banana prices surge

Banana prices have also surged unexpectedly, with retail rates reaching Rs 100 per kg, up from Rs 28 just days ago. Onions are another major casualty; the recent rains have led to widespread spoilage. Farmers are rushing whatever stock they have to market. At the Yeshwanthpur Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC), Karnataka-grown onions are fetching up to Rs 1,400 per quintal, while Maharashtra's onions are selling for Rs 1,800. Retail onion prices hover between Rs 35 and Rs 40 per kg, with lower-grade onions and tomatoes selling for Rs 100 for a 5 kg lot.

Vegetable prices have surged sharply, with beans now retailing at Rs 80 to Rs 90 per kg, tomatoes at Rs 20, knol-khol at Rs 46, and green chilies and bitter gourd both at Rs 60. White brinjal is priced at Rs 36, purple brinjal at Rs 28, cluster beans at Rs 64, and double beans range between Rs 115 and Rs 175. Cabbage is available at Rs 22, while drumsticks are being sold at Rs 80. Among leafy greens, methi leaves are priced at Rs 85 and spinach (palak) at Rs 44 per kg.

'No MSME benefits for closed companies'

The Karnataka High Court has determined that enterprises cannot access Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) benefits after ceasing operations for a two-year period.

Justice M Nagaprasanna issued the verdict whilst rejecting a petition from Metro Steel Section, a Bengaluru-based company, and its partners.

In October 2022, the organisation secured a Rs 15.5 crore fund-based cash credit facility from State Bank of India (SBI) under the SME category. However, operational decline from August 2023 led to irregular loan repayments, resulting in the account being classified as a non-performing asset (NPA) and transferred to SBI's stress assets management division for recovery actions.

The judge referenced the organisation's communication during proceedings, which verified the business closure two years prior. He determined that advocating revival or restructuring would be ineffective for a non-operational unit. The court validated the bank's recovery proceedings and rejected the petition.

No GST on solatium paid to landowner

In a crucial decision benefiting landowners, the High Court has determined that solatium, additional compensation for emotional and involuntary land loss, is not subject to Goods and Services Tax (GST). **-BMB**

Delayed chargesheet no grounds for bail: HC

The Karnataka High Court has rejected a bail application submitted by Anirudh Rajan, who was apprehended by Bengaluru police, for allegedly being an active participant in the outlawed Communist Party of India (Maoist) and collecting funds for the organisation.

The Division Bench noted that since police had requested an additional time of 180 days for chargesheet submission within the prescribed 90-day period, the petitioner could not claim entitlement to bail based on delayed chargesheet filing. **-BMB**

Academic burden

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PU and degree colleges rely on temporary faculty

Karnataka has 1,232 pre-university (PU) colleges, with only 11,550 regular lecturers on the rolls. An additional 4,689 guest lecturers have been managing the workload. In 430 government degree colleges, merely 6,000 permanent lecturers are employed, while over 9,000 guest lecturers are currently teaching. There's an urgent demand for at least 2,000 more.

Lower wages

Guest teachers play a crucial role in the education system but are paid extremely low wages. Primary school guest teachers earn ₹10,000 per month, high school guest teachers ₹10,500, PU lecturers ₹12,000, and degree college guest lecturers ₹35,000. To put this in perspective, the daily wage under MGNREGA is ₹370, whereas a primary school guest teacher earns only ₹333 per day. Furthermore, some UGC-paid lecturers in first-grade colleges, instead of teaching, are reportedly using their influence to secure clerical positions in department offices, with at least 50 such cases being reported. Education activists are calling for these lecturers to be reassigned to teaching roles and for clerical vacancies to be filled separately.

Voices from the ground

"The entire education system relies heavily on guest lecturers, yet our basic demands, including job security, remain unaddressed. Both students and teachers are suffering. If the Chief Minister fails to fulfill his promises, we will have no choice but to take to the streets again," said Dr. Hanu-mantgouda Kalmani, State President of the Guest Lecturers' Association – Government Degree Colleges. Rajesh Bhat, State President of the PU College Lecturers' Association, added, "We are 4,089 guest lecturers in PU colleges, and we are treated unfairly—paid for 10 hours of work, yet required to work over 20 hours weekly. If this neglect continues, repeated protests are inevitable."

K Nagesh, State President of the Karnataka State Primary School Teachers' Association, also expressed his protest. "Primary education forms the foundation of the entire education system and student futures. With 50,067 vacancies in primary schools, filling them must be a priority to improve quality."

Tech tangle delays B-Khata

Despite the recent amendment to the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act, the issuance of B-Khata certificates for nearly one crore unauthorised properties in gram panchayat limits is expected to be delayed by at least three to four more months. The delay is mainly due to the pending formulation of implementation rules and critical upgrades needed for the E-Swathu property records software. The Panchatantra 2.0 platform currently holds around 96 lakh property entries, but nearly 50 lakh of these are duplicates caused by clerical errors, data mismatches, and flawed digitisation. A 12-member task force is working to resolve issues before B-Khata distribution can begin. **— BMB**

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Tensions soar at Devanga Mall: debris blocks shop access

Over 60 shop owners were unable to open their businesses after construction debris blocked mall passages, sparking a dispute with management

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On Friday morning, around 60 tenants of Devanga Mall were shocked to come across four loads of construction debris dumped in the passages preventing them opening their shops. It was like a surgical strike or a rude shock for around 60 businessmen who have been doing business at Devanga Mall near Avenue Road. On Friday morning, they were shocked to see four truckloads of construction debris dumped in the two passages of Devanga Mall. With no one around to clear the construction debris, businessmen could not open their shops.

Devanga Mall was constructed in 1961 and it accommodates 60 shops all these years. "It is nothing to vacate us from this building. We have been paying rent on time. If the Devanga Sangha wants us to vacate, it has to serve notice to us. It is not fair to create problems for us by dumping construction debris. We have complained to the police," said Kumarpal Sisodia, one of the tenants.

> **"The building is in good condition. They want us to vacate under the pretext of demolition or repairs**
> – Sanjay Marlecha, Travel agency owner

Expressing shock and dismay over the dumping of construction debris in the building's passages, Sanjay Marlecha, who owns a travel agency, said he has been paying rent for the past 35 years. "The Devanga Sangha members are creating problems for us. They want us to vacate the building under the pretext of demolition or repairs. But the building is in good condition," said Sanjay Marlecha.

Construction debris were dumped in the passage of Devanga Mall preventing tenants opening shops on Friday

The ground-plus-two-floor mall has two entry gates, both of which are usually closed at night. However, in the early hours of Friday, Puttaraju, director of Devanga Sangha, allegedly called security guard Rajendra Prasad and instructed him to open both gates. "I followed Puttaraju's instructions and opened the gates. He told me that some materials had to be unloaded in the passage. After that, I went back to bed," said Rajendra Prasad.

Meanwhile, Puttaraju, director of Devanga Sangha, denied making any phone call to the security guard instructing him to open the gates.

When contacted, G Ramesh, a retired police officer and honorary president, Devanga Sangha, said that some of the tenants are not paying the rent on time and a few of them have sub-leased the shops to others. "We are using the rent amount for the welfare of children from economically weaker sections. The building needs some repairs. The material would have been dumped in the passages to use for repairing the building," Ramesh said.

He said Devanga Sangha members are contemplating to lodge a complaint with police against the tenants who sub-leased the shops.

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Illegal vendors

KR Puram

Illegal food stalls have been occupying the main road in KR Puram near Federal Bank, opposite the traffic police station, for years without any BBMP inspection

Blocked drainage

Yelahanka

At Anantapura Gate in Yelahanka, overflowing drainage water caused by blockages poses a serious accident risk. Urgent action is needed to prevent potential mishaps.

Accident zone

Bannerghatta Road

Between a mall and a marriage hall on Bannerghatta Road, nearly 300 meters of thick silt has piled up along the roadside. Motorists are slipping and getting injured, with a serious risk of being run over. The BBMP must act immediately to prevent further accidents.

Act responsibly, stay informed, stay calm

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instigative, or disturbing in nature—will lead to suo motu cases being registered.

He added that such actions have been addressed in the past and will continue to be dealt with firmly in the future. Another controversy erupted in Vijayapur. A student from Medical College in Vijayapur, Tashaudda Farooqi Sheikh, sparked outrage after posting a pro-Pakistan message on Instagram during ongoing tensions. Her post urged people in Pakistan and Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to avoid military areas. Following backlash and a complaint filed by PSI Vinod Dodamani, she issued a public apology, expressing regret and affirming her love for India. Pro-Hindu groups had demanded strict action against her, prompting swift police response. The post has since been deleted.

At a monthly police parade held in Bengaluru on Friday, Dayanand emphasised the gravity of the current security climate, urging officers to act responsibly and ensure the public remains informed yet calm. "Given the recent developments along India's borders, heightened security measures are being enforced across all regions. Police personnel must carry out their duties with the highest level of caution and responsibility. It's crucial to communicate with the public in a way that prevents panic. Steps must be taken to curb the spread of misinformation, and only verified information should be shared. I have directed all DCPs and ACPs to ensure that false narratives do not mislead the public and that law and order is upheld at all times. Police officials must also remain well-informed, as only accurate knowledge enables responsible communication."

On Thursday the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting shared an advisory stating, "OTT platforms, media streaming services, and intermediaries are advised to exercise discretion when sharing content originating from Pakistan. As per the IT Rules, 2021, they must avoid content affecting India's sovereignty, security, public order, or foreign relations. Intermediaries must ensure users also comply with these ethical guidelines."

Heirloom heist suspect held

Chennammanakere Achukattu police have arrested a 28-year-old Ittamadu resident for burglary and recovered 120 grams of gold jewellery worth ₹10.80 lakh. The investigation began after a complaint was filed on December 15, 2024, when the victim returned from the Karunada cultural event to find his front door lock broken.

According to the Station House Officer, the complainant had locked his home on December 14 before leaving for festivities. By the next morning, he found the lock broken and gold heirlooms missing. Over the next four months, the investigation reviewed CCTV, and monitored suspect movements. On April 28, 2025, acting on a tip-off, officers apprehended the accused near the Thyagaraja Co-operative Bank on Kathiguttiya Road.

Police arrest house burglars

Sampangirama Nagar police have arrested two individuals involved in a string of house burglaries and vehicle thefts, recovering valuables worth ₹40 lakh.

On April 21, during an evening patrol near Vokkaligara Bhavan, police intercepted a man acting suspiciously with a two-wheeler. Upon questioning, he admitted to having no documents for the vehicle and confessed it was stolen. A search of the vehicle revealed burglary tools, including an iron rod, a cutter, and a screwdriver. During interrogation, the accused revealed that he and an accomplice had burgled two homes in Bharat Nagar, Badarahalli, stealing gold and silver ornaments. He also admitted to stealing a two-wheeler. The stolen items were sold to a goldsmith in Tumkur, and the proceeds were used to purchase a second-hand car.

No escape from tolls on B'luru-Mysuru routes

With both expressway and Kanakapura route to Mysuru now tolled, commuters have no free alternative, prompting protests from locals demanding exemptions

Vehicles with four to six axles pay ₹455 one-way and ₹680 round trip, while those without FASTag are charged double

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Commuters travelling between Bengaluru and Mysuru now face toll charges on both major routes. After the implementation of tolls on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway, the alternative route via Kanakapura-Malavalli is no longer toll-free either. Starting from Friday, motorists must pay to use this stretch, despite the absence of a service road. For many, the expressway's high toll rates and speed restrictions prompted them to take the alternative route via Kaggalipura–Harohalli–Kanakapura–Malavalli to reach Mysuru. This scenic road was also popular for leisure drives. However, from today, a toll must be paid even on this route.

Toll details

The new toll rates near Somanahalli on the Kanakapura-Malavalli route are as follows: Cars, jeeps, and light vehicles are charged ₹85 for a one-way trip and ₹130 for a round trip. Mini buses and light goods vehicles pay ₹140 one-way and ₹205 for two-way travel. For buses and trucks, the toll is ₹290 one-way and ₹435 for a return journey. Three-axle commercial vehicles are charged ₹315 one-way and ₹475 for both directions. Vehicles with four to six axles pay ₹455 and ₹680, while those with seven or more axles must shell out ₹555 for a single trip and ₹830 for a round trip. However, those without FASTag have to cough up double the amount.

While motorcycles are banned on the expressway, they can continue to use the Kanakapura Road without paying any toll.

Expressway vs Kanakapura route

The Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway has two toll plazas, with a one-way toll of ₹380 for cars. Comparatively, those taking the Kanakapura-Mysuru route will pay toll only once en route to Mysuru. However, if travelling further to MM Hills (Mahadeshwara Betta), another toll near Malavalli will cost ₹75 for a one-way journey, meaning two tolls in total.

Locals protest toll implementation

The toll near Somanahalli has drawn criticism from local communities. According to Prashanth Hosadurga of the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha, the toll was implemented without proper consultation with locals. The group demands exemption from toll charges for local commercial and non-commercial vehicles within a 20 km radius and at least 60% job reservation for locals in toll operations. With both major routes to Mysuru now tolled, travel has become more expensive, regardless of which road is chosen. Even visits to nearby towns on the outskirts of Bengaluru now involve paying a toll, further burdening regular commuters.

> **Toll charges range from ₹85 for cars to ₹555 for seven or more axle vehicles. Non-FASTag vehicles pay double the amount. Rates vary for mini buses, buses, and trucks**

Cops, YouTuber nabbed for robbery

Bagaluru police have arrested a YouTuber and three constables for robbing ₹50 lakh from a tax consultant after luring him into a fake business deal near Chikkajala.

The main accused, Praveen, posed as a businessman and called the victim, Nagaraju Bandaru, for a meeting. On arrival, Nagaraju was confronted by constables Vijay Kumar, Santosh, and Manjunath, who accused him of hawala dealings, seized ₹6 lakh, and warned him to stay quiet. Later, another accused assaulted and robbed him of more valuables.

Following a complaint, police tracked Praveen and uncovered the involvement of the constables. They have been booked under IPC sections for robbery and criminal conspiracy. This is the third recent case of police personnel being linked to extortion. Earlier, the CCB arrested three constables for duping a medical store owner, and Lokayukta trapped two officers taking a bribe in a cheating case.

BBMP Engineer, aide caught taking bribe

Lokayukta officials on Friday caught a BBMP Assistant Engineer and his associate red-handed while accepting a ₹1 lakh bribe for official favour.

The trap was laid following a complaint by Sunil Patel of Nagadevanahalli. Bharath (30), a tout, was caught taking the bribe on behalf of Engineer Narasimhamurthy Naik. Based on his confession, Naik was also arrested.

Officials said the accused had issued a notice to Sunil for allegedly damaging a drain and demanded ₹10 lakh to drop the case, which was later negotiated to ₹1 lakh. Sunil, unable to pay, approached the Lokayukta.

Apartment demand soars in RR Nagar hotspot

In Bengaluru's thriving real estate market, the demand for apartments and plots has seen an upward surge in RR Nagar, catering to a diverse range of budgets and preferences. Whether you're a first-time buyer, a seasoned investor, or someone seeking a luxurious lifestyle, there's something for everyone. The city's real estate landscape is expanding rapidly, with multiple options across various localities, making it easier for people to find homes that fit both their needs and their wallets.

The growth of the city has resulted in a broad spectrum of housing choices, from affordable apartments to premium villas and customisable plots. RR Nagar, in particular,

has emerged as a preferred destination due to its strategic location, metro connectivity, and modern infrastructure. New residential projects featuring high-rise apartments, smart homes, and gated plots are being developed to meet the increasing demand.

"Bengaluru has always been a city with something for everyone. From budget apartments to luxury villas, there's an option for every segment of buyers," says Rohit Kumar, a real estate consultant with over a decade of experience. According to him, RR Nagar has seen the rise of high-quality developments that appeal to a wide range of homebuyers.

For first-time buyers, RR Nagar offers a mix of affordability and convenience. "When we were looking for our first apartment, we wanted something that fit our budget but didn't compromise on quality or location. We found a perfect 2BHK in RR Nagar, with access to the Metro and good schools around," shares Priya Sharma, a young professional who recently moved into her first home. "What stood out for us was the price. It was within our budget, and we could get a great apartment with modern amenities," she adds.

Buyers today have the flexibility to choose not just the size but also the layout and type of property. From spacious 3BHK apartments and penthouses to independent plots for custom-built homes, the locality offers varied options. "I was looking for a plot where I could design my dream home, and I found just that in RR Nagar. The developer also offered flexible payment plans, which made the process much smoother," says Vikas Mehta, a recent buyer.

Smart homes, featuring automation for lighting, climate control, and security, are also drawing in tech-savvy buyers. "I didn't just want four walls, I wanted a smart home. I found one in RR Nagar that had all the latest features, and it was the perfect mix of affordability and comfort," says Anjali Desai, a software engineer who recently bought a smart apartment.

The increasing demand and variety in RR Nagar highlight the area's potential as a key residential hub. From basic units with essential amenities to high-end homes with premium features, the market caters to all types of buyers.

"The future of Bengaluru real estate is incredibly bright," says Ravi Kumar, a real estate investor. "As the city expands, the opportunities for both buyers and investors are growing, with something available for everyone at different price points."

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Green homes surge as sustainability becomes a lifestyle

Experts suggest that eco-friendly homes are quickly becoming the most sought-after trend in construction and living. As the global community becomes increasingly aware of the severe challenges posed by climate change, the demand for homes that minimize environmental impact has surged. This shift towards sustainability is driven by a growing understanding of the negative effects of pollution and carbon emissions on our planet. People are now more sensitive to these issues and are actively seeking ways to reduce their environmental footprint.

One of the major drivers of this trend is the concept of net-zero energy consumption. A net-zero home is designed to generate as much energy as it uses over a period of time, making it effectively energy neutral.

This concept is gaining traction in residential construction, where homeowners are looking for energy-efficient options that reduce reliance on external

power sources.

"Eco-friendly homes are designed to be in harmony with their natural surroundings, ensuring that they consume less energy and generate minimal waste," said a well-known architect. "The materials used in construction are crucial to achieving this. Traditional materials like steel and cement consume large amounts of energy during production. By choosing low-energy alternatives, the overall carbon footprint of the home can be reduced."

Natural and renewable materials like bamboo are increasingly preferred for their quick renewability and lower environmental impact.

Design strategies also play a pivotal role. Eco-friendly homes often incorporate passive solar techniques that make use of natural sunlight and ventilation, cutting down on the need for artificial heating and cooling. These features are customized to the local climate, enabling homes to stay comfortable throughout the year with minimal energy use.

Experts point out that the benefits of green homes extend beyond environmental savings. "Living in an eco-friendly home offers a healthier environment for residents," said an expert. "The use of non-toxic, natural materials and good ventilation improves indoor air quality. Additionally, incorporating green spaces into the design supports mental well-being and reduces stress."

Such homes promote a lifestyle closely aligned with nature. From architectural planning to interior finishes, every element is geared toward reducing environmental impact. The result is not just a house that uses less energy, but one that fosters peace of mind and overall well-being.

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Our reader shares a poignant moment from their window: a lone hawker of children's toys waits patiently by the roadside, eyes fixed on the Play School opposite. "Every day, he stands there with quiet hope, awaiting his tiny customers with a bag full of dreams," they write, capturing this quietly powerful scene.

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JC Road chaos: White-topping drags on, locals gasp for relief

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White-topping work on a crucial stretch of JC Road in Bengaluru has turned into a nightmare for commuters and local businesses, with dust, dug-up roads, and prolonged delays becoming part of daily life.

Work on the 1.2 km stretch from Minerva Circle to Town Hall began in November last year, but progress remains painfully slow. Even after more than five months, underground drainage and optical fibre cable installations are still ongoing, resulting in daily disruptions and mounting frustration among residents and traders.

Locals say the road's condition fluctuates drastically with the weather. Rain turns the stretch into a muddy mess, while dry days blanket the area in choking dust. Mounds of soil lie scattered, with massive trenches and exposed pipelines severely restricting vehicular movement. In several spots, the road has been reduced to just 30–40 feet, thanks to piled-up debris and incomplete work. "This is worse than a river project. Just to lay a sewer line, they've dug huge pits near Minerva Road," said a local shopkeeper. "We are inhaling dust every day. Business is down, our health is suffering, and even ambulances find it hard to get through. We want the work to be completed immediately."

The delay is affecting not only daily commuters but also businesses and institutions along JC Road, a key hub for automobile parts, African goods, household stores, theatres, hospitals, and banks. Traders report heavy losses and plummeting footfall.

"We're on the verge of collapse. The dust is unbearable, and it's a struggle even to reach the hospital due to traffic and poor road conditions," said Babu, a local trader. "There's no accountability. It feels like no one cares about our safety or livelihood," added Syed Sajjad, another shop owner.

Contractor representatives cite complications from multiple underground utility lines. "Each time we dig, we hit more cables. Many old ones are still in place, with new ones laid on top. It's hard to tell which are active," said a contractor spokesperson. Additionally, BWSSB is replacing sanitary and water pipelines in some sections, requiring 15–20 new lines, which has further slowed progress.

They claim that if the road were fully closed, the work could be completed in three months. "Once the pipework is done, laying the road won't take long." What used to be a 10-minute commute now takes up to 45 minutes due to diversions and bottlenecks.

Massive pits dug for pipelines stall progress and choke local movement.

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Eggs are less likely to crack when they fall on their side, according to experiments with over 200 eggs. While this may not change how you crack eggs for breakfast, a break around the middle still offers the best release of yolk and whites; it could prove useful when hard-boiling. Scientists say placing eggs sideways in a pot may reduce the risk of cracks that lead to cloudy, leaking messes. It's long been believed that eggs are strongest at their ends, as seen in how they're packed in cartons. But compression tests showed eggs cracked under equal pressure whether squeezed from the ends or the sides. "The fun started when we thought we would get one result and then we saw another," said Hudson Borja da Rocha from MIT, who co-led the research. Simulations and drop tests from heights up to 10 millimetres confirmed that eggs dropped on their side were less likely to break. The egg's middle, or "equator," absorbed more impact energy. The findings, published in Communications Physics, may even reshape approaches to school egg drop experiments. — AP

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Sukhoi not shot down; PIB says 2014 image of crash

The government on Friday dismissed claims by Pakistani social media handles that a Sukhoi Su-30MKI was shot down in Muzaffarabad and that an Indian pilot had been captured. A fact check by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) revealed that the image being circulated was fake and lifted from an 11-year-old news report. The PIB Fact Check clarified that the image was actually of an Indian Air Force Sukhoi SU-30MKI that crashed at Undre Vasti of Kulwadi village near the Pune-Ahmednagar highway in Maharashtra on October 14, 2014.

A post by PIB Fact Check on X stated: "Fake News Alert. Pakistani social media handles are claiming that a Sukhoi Su-30MKI was shot down in Muzaffarabad, capturing an Indian Pilot alive. #PIBFactCheck This Sukhoi SU-30MKI of the Indian Air Force (IAF) crashed at Undre Vasti of Kulwadi village near Pune-Ahamad Nagar highway, Maharashtra on October 14, 2014."

The post included the original news report, showing the image now being misused by Pakistani social media. In a separate case, PIB fact-checked another video, labeling it "Pakistan propaganda alert." This video, widely shared by Pakistani handles, shows what appears to be a heavy Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (MLRS) barrage, and falsely claims it to be a real Pakistani attack on India.

However, PIB clarified that the footage is actually from a video game and has been available online for over three years. The PIB post said: "Pakistan Propaganda Alert! A video showing a heavy MLRS (Multiple Launch Rocket Systems) barrage is being falsely shared as a real Pakistani attack on India. #PIBFactCheck The video is from a video game and has been online for over 3 years." The PIB included a link to the original game footage and emphasized that it has no connection to the current India-Pakistan scenario. It urged people to verify content before sharing it.

Earlier, PIB also fact-checked additional viral posts and found them to be misleading or fraudulent. One such post involved an image shared on X, claiming an explosion at the Jammu Air Force base. The PIB debunked this, stating the image is actually from the Kabul airport blast that occurred on August 21, 2021.

In its X post, PIB said: "Explosion at Jammu Air Force Base? Here's the truth! An old image is being circulated with false claims of multiple explosions at the Jammu Air Force Base in India. #PIBFactCheck This image is from the Kabul Airport blast in August 2021." They also included the report from which the image had been taken. The PIB confirmed that numerous circulating videos and images are unrelated to current military events.

Additionally, PIB fact-checked viral footage purportedly showing Pakistani attacks on Hazira Port in Gujarat and a drone strike in Jalandhar. The Hazira Port video was confirmed to depict an oil tanker explosion from July 7, 2021, and had no ties to any Pakistani action. Similarly, the video claiming a drone attack in Jalandhar was found to show a farm fire instead.

The PIB stated: "Drone Attack in Jalandhar. This drone strike video from #Jalandhar is widely circulating on social media #PIBFactCheck This is an unrelated video of a farm fire. The video has the time 7:39 PM, while the drone attack began later."

Following India's significant cross-border operations targeting terror bases in Pakistan and PoK, there has been a rise in misinformation. The PIB has since exposed several such fabricated videos that emerged after the strikes began on May 7. — IANS

North B'luru rises as realty hotspot

North Bengaluru is fast emerging as the new real estate powerhouse of the city, witnessing an unprecedented surge in residential, commercial, and infrastructure developments. From a quiet, largely industrial corridor, the region has transformed into one of the most sought-after investment zones, driven by improved connectivity, proximity to the Kempegowda International Airport, and major infrastructure projects like the Bengaluru Suburban Rail and Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR).

"The landscape of North Bengaluru has changed dramatically over the last five years. What was once seen as distant is now the future of Bengaluru," says Ramesh Naik, a city-based real estate analyst. Areas like Hebbal, Yelahanka, Hennur, and Devanahalli are now witnessing a surge in demand, with numerous premium residential townships, plotted developments, and IT parks being launched. With leading tech companies and data centres eyeing Devanahalli and its surroundings, the commercial footprint is also expanding rapidly.

According to Shruti Menon, Vice President, Sales at a leading real estate firm, "North Bengaluru is attracting a new class of buyers — young professionals and NRIs looking for long-term value.

The potential for appreciation here is immense, especially with the government's focus on regional connectivity." The presence of reputed educational institutions, hospitals, and upcoming malls is further enhancing liveability. Infrastructure works like the widening of Bellary Road, Peripheral Ring Road and Metro connectivity up to Kempegowda Airport are making daily commute seamless.

"We are seeing over 25% year-on-year growth in interest from homebuyers and investors alike," says Mohan Rao, MD of a Bengaluru-based realty group. As North Bengaluru positions itself as the next CBD (Central Business District), developers and planners are now focusing on sustainable layouts, green zones, and smart-city elements. With robust infrastructure, connectivity, and a futuristic vision, North Bengaluru is truly writing the next chapter in the city's realty growth story.

–Prakash VL

Mysore Road set to be city's next real estate hub

Mysore Road in Bengaluru is fast becoming a magnet for homebuyers and investors alike, with many in the real estate community predicting a bright future for this once-overlooked corridor. "We are seeing a steady shift in demand towards Mysore Road, especially after the Metro line extension. It's no longer just a transit route – it's transforming into a residential and commercial destination," says Ramesh Reddy, a realtor. According to him, the affordability compared to East and North Bengaluru, combined with robust infrastructure upgrades, is a major draw.

First-time homebuyer Sandhya Narayan, who recently purchased a plot near Mysore Road said, "For the price of a plot near Whitefield, I found an affordable plot. The Metro, upcoming malls, and schools clinched the deal for us. We see this area booming in the next 3 to 5 years."

Developers, too, are bullish on the long-term prospects. "There is tremendous untapped potential here," says M Vishwanath, a realtor by adding, "Mysore Road is set to be the next real estate growth belt, thanks to its strategic link to the NICE Road, industrial hubs, and the upcoming Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway expansion." Adding a buyer's perspective, IT professional Karthik Shenoy says, "I explored multiple areas, but Mysore Road offered the best mix of price, connectivity, and development. It felt like investing in a growth story still in its early chapters."

With civic upgrades, smoother connectivity, and growing interest from both end-users and developers, Mysore Road is steadily cementing its place as one of Bengaluru's most promising realty frontiers.

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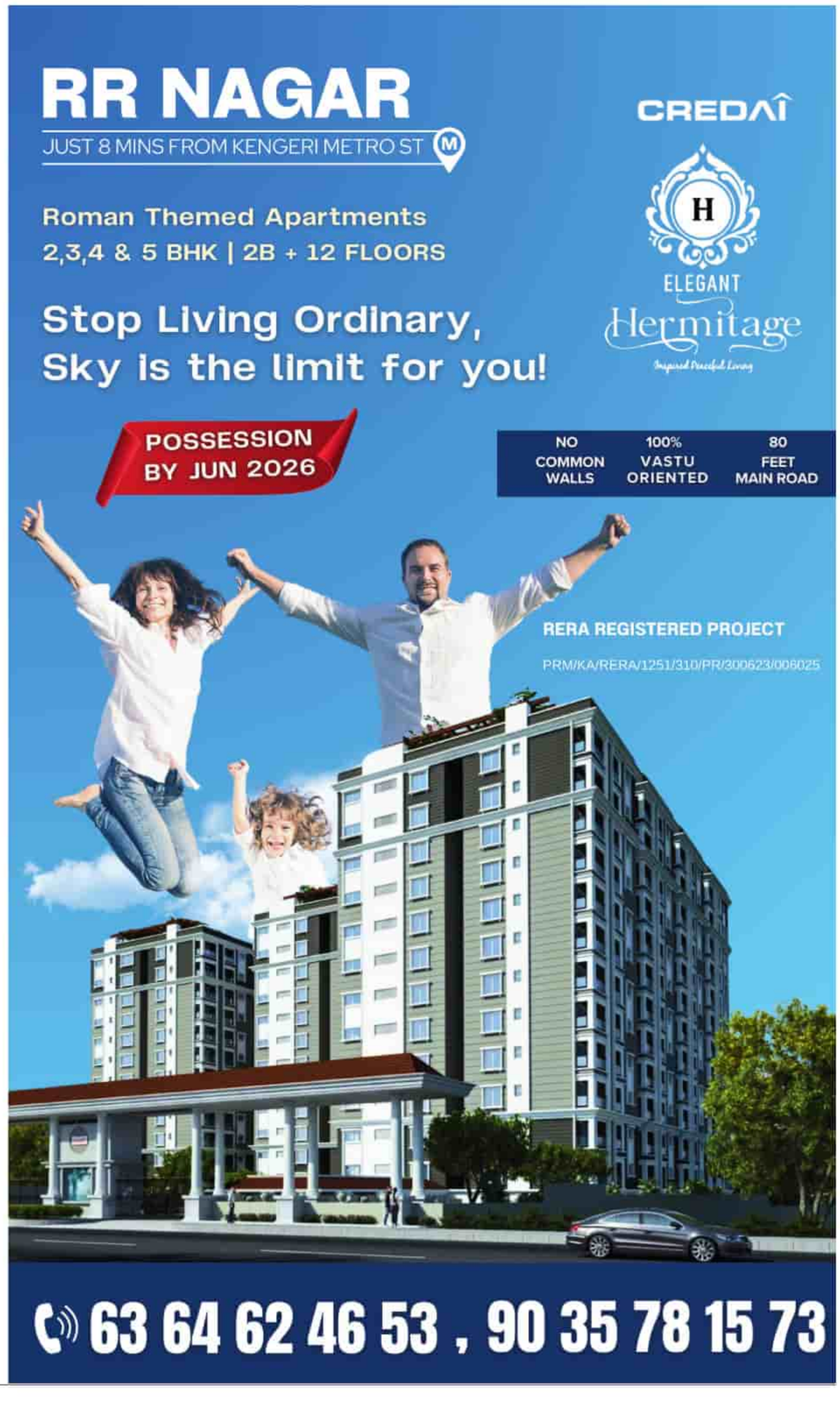

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I, Ravindra Rocky Lobo S/o. Lobo Rokki Resident at House No.86, At, Melinkeri Post, Kodani Tq, Honnavar, Uttara Kannada- 581423 have changed my minor daughter name from DIYOL RODRIGUES to DIYOL RAVINDRA LOBO vide affidavit dated: 24.04.2025 Sworn before notary: D Sarala Kumari, Bangalore

I, VENKATACHALAPPA NARAYANAPPA Resident At No. 124, Doddaballapura Main Road, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Rajanukunte, Bengaluru-560064 have changed my name to VENKATACHALAIAH NARAYANAPPA vide affidavit dated: 24.04.2025 Sworn before notary: D Sarala Kumari, Bangalore

I, Dsouza Jason Basil John S/o John Marcelo Dsouza Aged About 32 Years R/At Flat No.201, 2nd Floor, No.807, Nehal Residency, 8th A Main, 4th B Cross, Kalyan Nagar, B'luru-560043 have changed my name to Jason John Dsouza Vide Affidavit Dtd: 08/05/2025 Sworn Before Notary Uday Kumar K, Bengaluru.

I, Ambaresh Mutharayappa Resident At No 102, Sreenivasa Nilaya, 2nd Main Road, C Byregowda Nagar, Kolar-563101 have changed my name to AMBARISH MUTHURAYAPPA vide affidavit dated: 24.04.2025 Sworn before notary: D Sarala Kumari, Bangalore

I, LAKSHMI SUMANA POLISETTI, W/o Narasimha Rao Somisetti, R/at No.20, Panchavati VGS Land Mark, Adjacent to Surya City, Iggaluru, Chandapura, Bangalore-560099 have changed my name to LAKSHMI SUMANA SOMISETTI,, affidavit dt: 09.05.2025 Notary B. Chitra, B.lore.

I Babita Ashoksingh Parihar D/O, Ashoksingh Govindsingh Parihar R/o #30/4, Bindu Residency, Flat 308, 46th Cross, 4th Block, Rajaji Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560010 have changed my name to Babita Saket Bhendarkar.

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 # X-Men universe
Thunderbolts director Jake Schreier in talks with Marvel to direct next 'X-Men' movie

A mirror of rural realities

DASKATH (KANNADA)
3.5 RATING ★★★½☆
- **DIRECTOR** Aneesh Poojary Venur
- **ACTORS** Naveen Bondel, Deekshith K Andinje, Mohan Sheni, Bhavya Poojary, Yuva Shetty, Deepak Rai Panaje, Neeraj Kunjarpa, and Mithun Raj.
- **Duration** 117 minutes
- **Certification** UA

Tulu movie Daskath successfully screened for more than 70 days in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts. Now its Kannada version has brought debutant director Aneesh Poojary Venur's work to a larger audience. The director has succeeded in showcasing the culture, traditions, caste system of people in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi that are known as Tulu Nadu in Karnataka.

The screenplay is crisp and the audiences will be on the edge of their seats. All the actors have done well and religiously followed the script. The director introduces one of the most talented villains in recent times. Yuva Shetty plays the villain Gunapala, an embodiment of ill-will and ego. His costumes, gestures, and body language make the audiences dislike him.

The movie is about Gunapala (Yuva Shetty), an officer of Kepula Palke village. Despite being a government officer, Gunapala practices untouchability. He even kills a dog and a broody hen as he could not tolerate the former's barking and latter's droppings on his motorcycle seat cover. Gunapala ill treats villagers for one or the other reason. Sekhar (Deekshith K Andinje) and his friends oppose Gunapala and decide to teach him a lesson.

Baadu (Neeraj Kunjarpa), one of Shekar's friends, falls in love with Baagi (Bhavya Poojary), the daughter of Gunapala. You have to watch the movie to know whether or not Shekar and his friends succeed in teaching Gunapala a lesson and what happens to Baagi and Baadu.

Deekshith K Andinje, as an angry young man, has acted well. Mohan Sheni, as an honest friend and a responsible brother, has provided good support. Among the actors, it is Yuva Shetty who walks away with all honours for his sterling performance. He has the potential to become a talented artiste in Sandalwood if he focuses on his acting career.

Samarthan S Rao has scored lilting music. All the songs are good. Santhosh Acharya has done a good job behind the camera.

The climax of the movie and the music for Huli Vesha are superb.

It is certainly worth a watch if you like good cinema.

–Y Maheswara Reddy

Comfortably stylish

Sunny reveals comfort has become much bigger priority for her in terms of style

Sunny Leone is known for the fashion she brings to the table. Not only has the actress stunned with her outfits at events but has also experimented with her looks on screen. When it comes to her personal choice, Sunny feels that her sense of style has changed over the years.

She says, "Comfort has become a much bigger priority. While I still love to feel glamorous, I also need outfits that are practical and allow me to move around easily. My taste has probably evolved to be a bit more balanced – I still love bold and fun pieces, but I also appreciate the ease and functionality of certain styles. It's all about finding that sweet spot where you look and feel great."

When it comes to fashion, Sunny takes cues from people or things that catch her eye. She says, "If I were to take inspiration from a general sense of admired style, it would probably be that effortless chic vibe – looking put-together without appearing like you've tried too hard."

And when it comes to her personal choice, it is her husband Daniel who sometimes does influence her. She shares, "Daniel appreciates my outfits when I dress up, and sometimes he'll even suggest a particular piece. He has a great eye for style. One tip I've really taken to heart from him is to be confident in whatever I'm wearing."

–Onkar Kulkarni, ETimes

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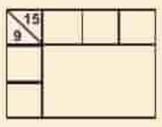
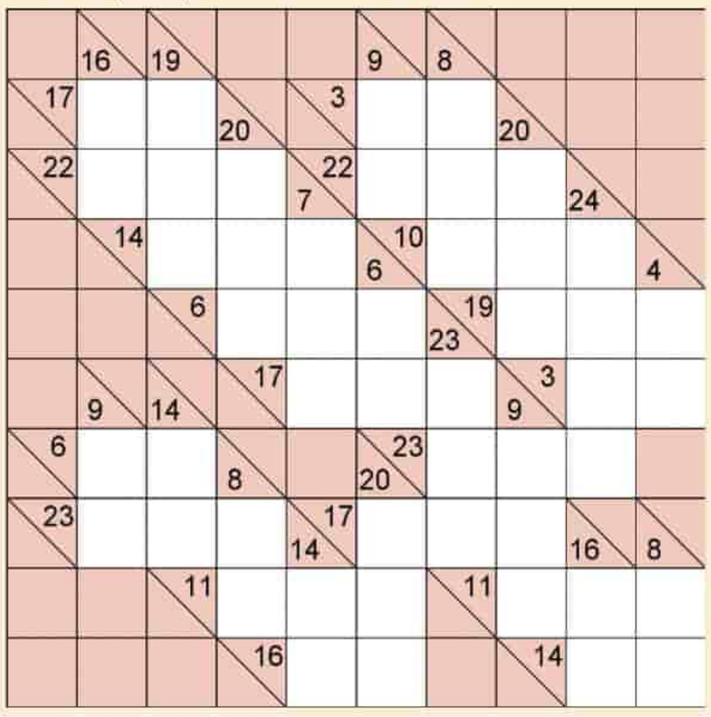
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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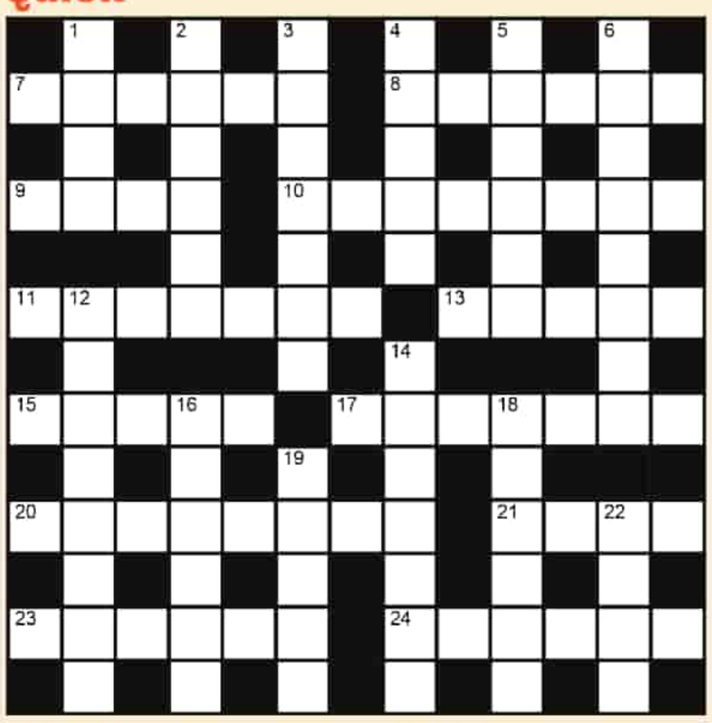


ACROSS

7 Physical injury (6)
8 Turn of phrase (6)
9 Sharp pain (4)
10 Parisian prison (8)
11 In an arrogant or conceited manner (7)
13 Anchored floats (5)
15 Towards the rear (5)
17 Children's room (7)
20 Spreads out (8)
21 Sandy soil (4)
23 Stick (6)
24 Make harmonious? (6)

DOWN

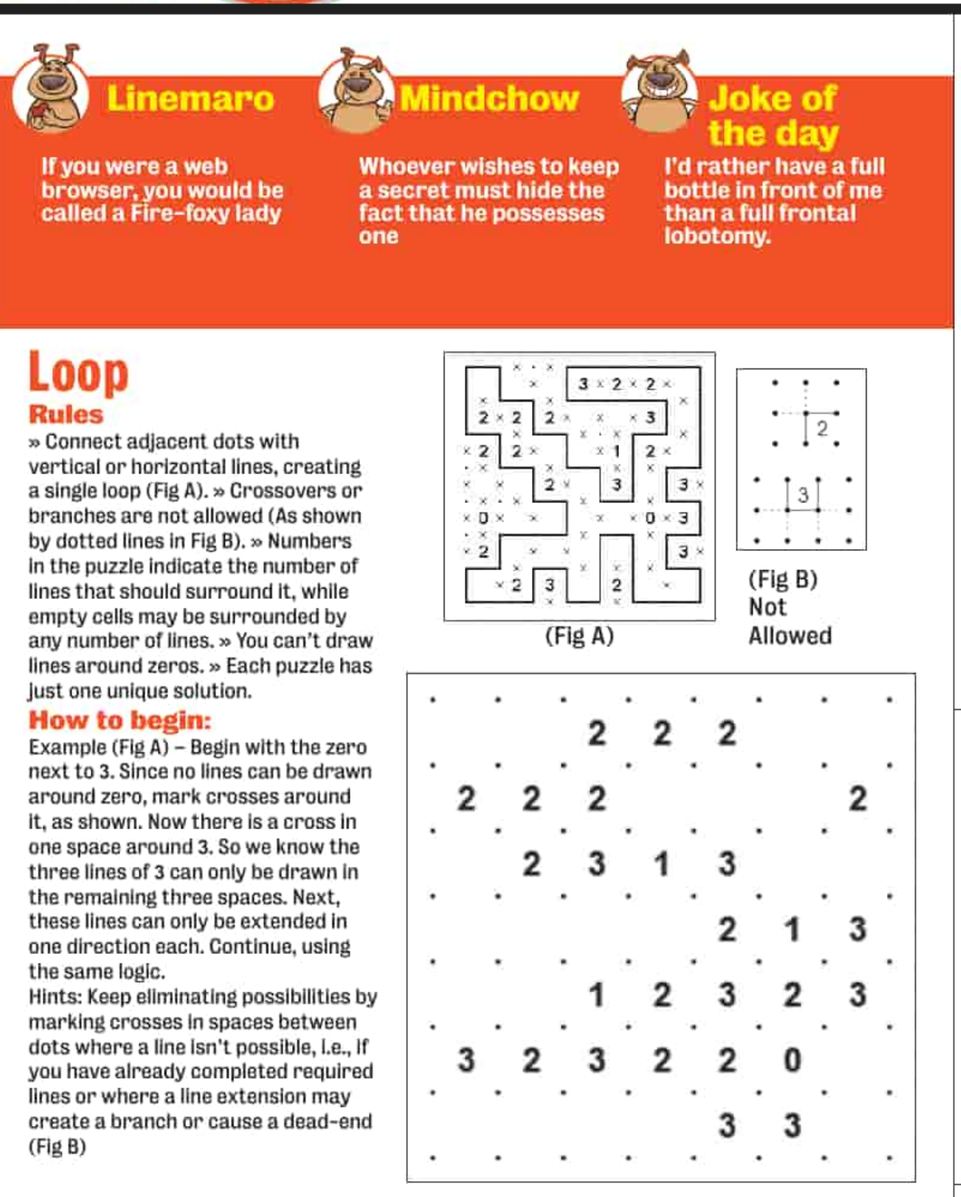
1 An extent of land (4)
2 Martial art (4,2)
3 Jumps about playfully (7)
4 Booth; stand (5)
5 Environment or surroundings (6)
6 Job provider (8)
12 Reconstructs (8)
14 Putin's compatriot (7)
16 Bangalore's favourite beverage (6)
18 Disagrees or diverges? (6)
19 Bone prefix (5)
22 __ __ time : never? (2,2)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: N EQUALS Y

EWJLU FXEC LRU IFPJOU XY RJQ ERX MXPUH NXK, LRXKZR NXK MJTU JL CXL IL DWUHUCL.



Linemaro

If you were a web browser, you would be called a Fire-foxy lady

Mindchow

Whoever wishes to keep a secret must hide the fact that he possesses one

Joke of the day

I'd rather have a full bottle in front of me than a full frontal lobotomy.

Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

(Fig A)

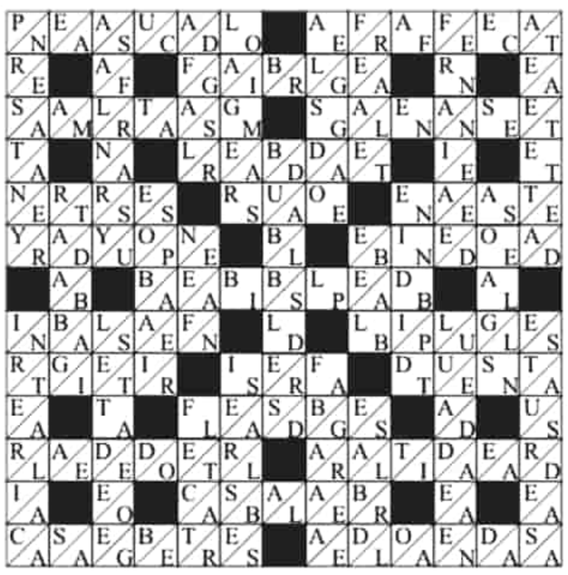
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

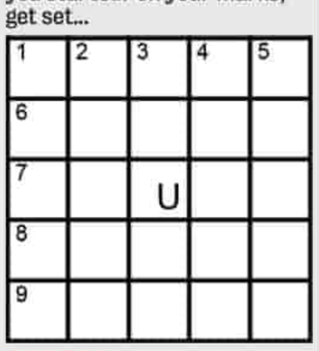
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

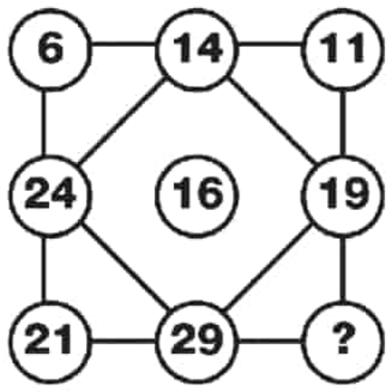
1 I sped; 6 Tag on; 7 Ree Nu; 8 Let in; 9 Thane

DOWN

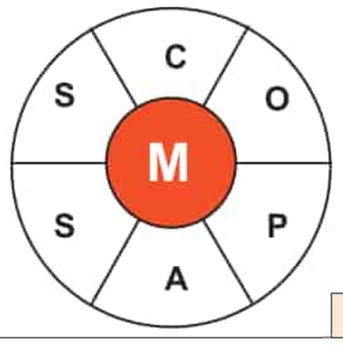
1 Is Ten; 2 Pen an; 3 Ulna I; 4 Greet; 5 Dot he

Mensapuzzle

Which number completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 06 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	3			8				
					6	5		1
	6	2		7	1	9		
	2	3						
5		9				7		2
						8	6	
		7	9	5		2	1	
2		8	6					
				3			5	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 16

2 3 5 6

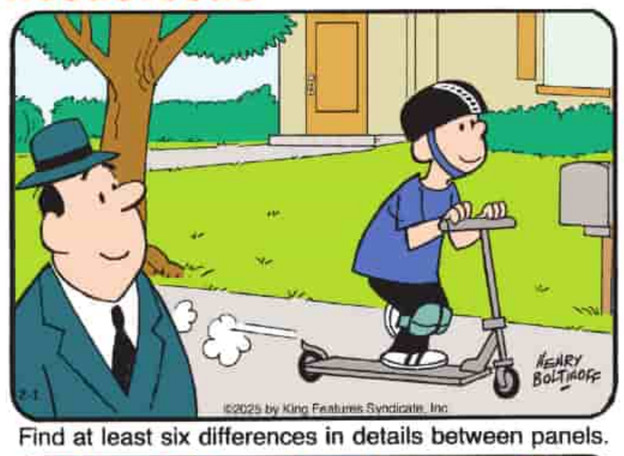
Medium = 31

4 4 5 5

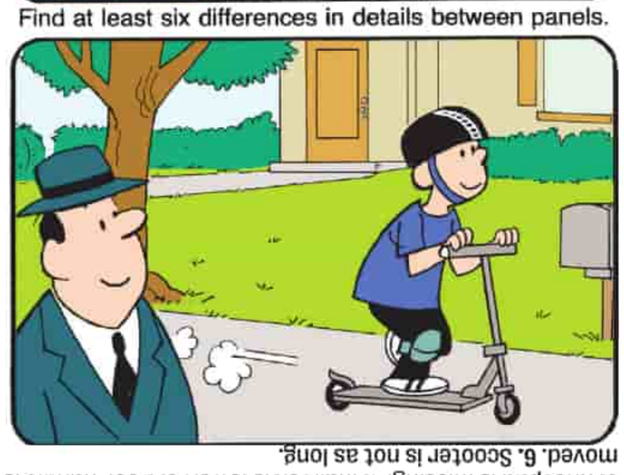
Hard = 1

3 4 4 6

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



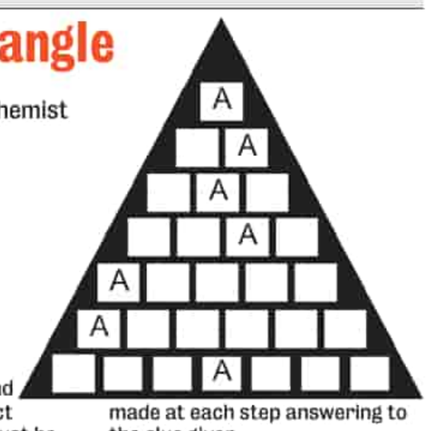
Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Hat is larger. 3. Kneepad is missing. 4. Mailbox is lower. 5. Door handle is moved. 6. Scooter is not as long.

Riddler

I mark the time as you mark me, My life is forfeit annually. I'm often hung quite painlessly, Or carried by someone busy. Grandfather old, he is my cousin, When divided, I number one dozen. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 First letter
2 Sodium for the chemist
3 Pale brown
4 Shipshape
5 Poker stakes
6 RAW operatives
7 Unusual



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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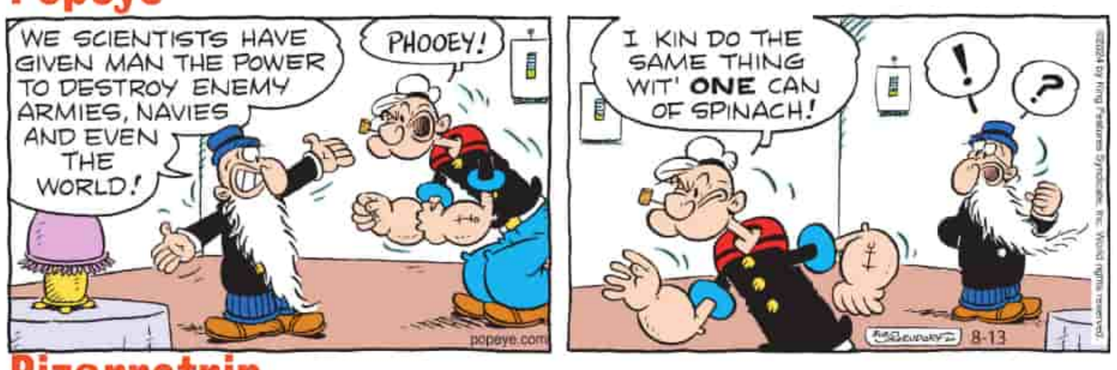
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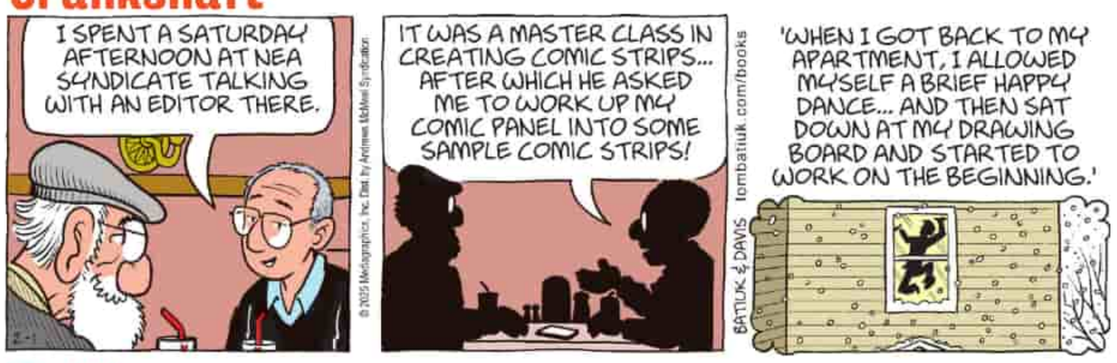
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today may revolve around family gatherings or social outings, such as parties or movies. Couples will likely strengthen their bond through mutual respect. Disputes in business or personal partnerships may be resolved. Students should make timely decisions about their career paths. Lovebirds may take a significant step toward marriage.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You're likely to perform well at work today. Your rapport with your boss may improve, and rivals or competitors are now under control. Financially, stuck money may be recovered, boosting cash flow and business liquidity.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Your focus may shift toward your children today, with noticeable improvements in their health and education. Couples may welcome a new child into the family. Quick thinking and diplomacy will help you resolve conflicts in business and social settings.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You might feel disappointed or distracted, with negative thoughts affecting your mood. Stay close to optimistic individuals. Consider the possibility of relocation for better prospects. Job seekers may encounter new opportunities. Students should be patient, and singles might find a compatible partner.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Your enthusiasm and energy will be high today, helping you stay focused on your goals. Networking could lead to business growth. Trust your instincts before investing in property. Emotional closeness with your spouse may enhance harmony at home. Singles might meet their soulmate through siblings or friends.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Recent days may have been filled with family and social plans. Today, attention may shift to your children's health or education. To maintain peace at home, be mindful of your speech and avoid letting ego create tension.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Be cautious when signing important documents or agreements, as overexcitement could lead to careless mistakes. Support from your boss may increase, possibly bringing promotion opportunities. Lovebirds should steer clear of family-related issues during personal conversations.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You may feel dull or uneasy, with impatience and self-doubt clouding your day. Be cautious of rivals and avoid overambitious efforts. Postpone new investments for now. Prioritize the health and well-being of your mother and elders at home.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Financially, today looks promising. You might gain from inherited property or recover long-standing dues. Past financial losses could turn into profits. Relationships with close ones are set to improve, and students are likely to make wise career-related decisions.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
A busy and productive workday lies ahead. Key decisions may positively impact your business. A large order or deal may be finalized. Conflicts with your spouse are likely to be resolved, restoring domestic harmony.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You're likely to feel spiritually inclined today. A visit to a religious place with friends or family may bring peace. Seeking advice from elders or mentors could provide clarity. Singles may meet someone special, and lovebirds will enjoy a pleasant day together.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Low energy or anxiety might trouble you today, possibly due to vague or unspoken fears. Visiting a spiritual place or chanting prayers may help soothe your mind. Stay alert against business rivals to avoid manipulation. Lovebirds should avoid unnecessary quarrels to maintain peace.

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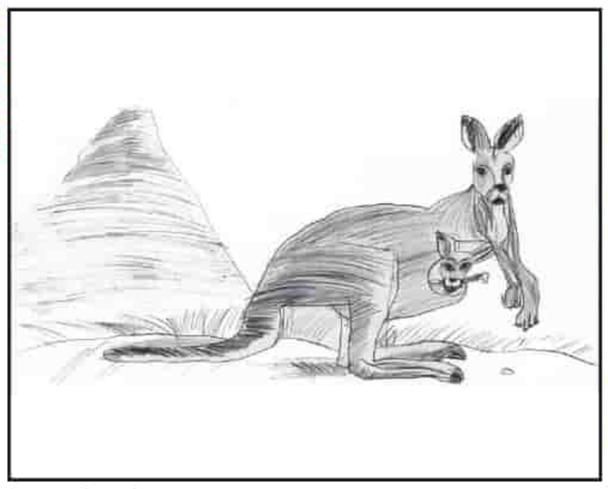

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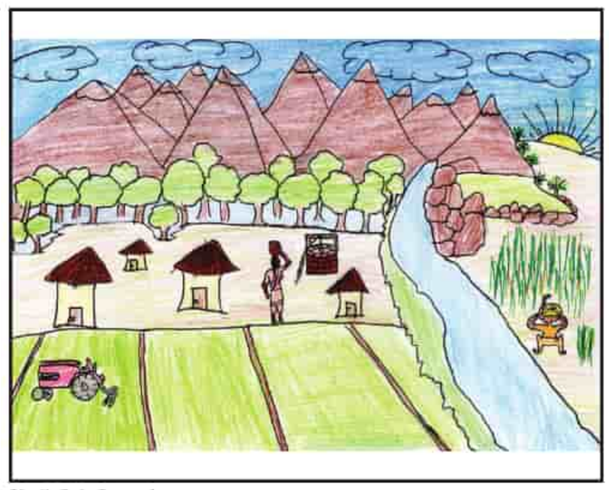

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
√(25/0.25) x 3
5/0.5 x 3
5/(5/10) x 3
5/(1/2) x 3
10 x 3 = 30

BULL'S EYE
camp, coma, COMPASS, mass, moss, spasm

STRIKE OUT

C	A	G	E	R	S	■	E	L	A	N	D	S	■	■
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FAST FIVE

S	P	I	E	D
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E	N	U	R	E
I	N	L	E	T
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RIDDLER
Calendar

QUICK

S	■	E	■	O	■	N	■	S	■	O	■	■	■	■
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MENSA PUZZLE
26. Starting on the top left and moving to the right, then down one row and to the left, then down to the bottom row and to the right, numbers alternately add 8 then subtract 3.

QUOTE UNCODE
Write down the advice of him who loves you, though you like it not at present.

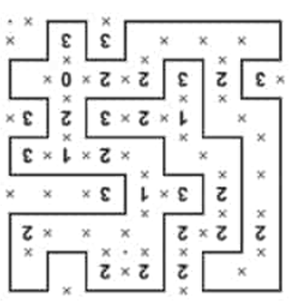
SUDOKU

9	1	6	7	3	2	4	5	8
2	5	8	6	1	4	3	7	9
3	4	7	9	5	8	2	1	6
4	7	1	2	9	5	8	6	3
5	8	9	1	6	3	7	4	2
6	2	3	8	4	7	1	9	5
8	6	2	5	7	1	9	3	4
7	9	4	3	2	6	5	8	1
1	3	5	4	8	9	6	2	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
A, Na, Tan, Neat, Antes, Agents, Strange.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 + 3 + 5 + 2 = 16
Medium
5 + 4 x 4 − 5 = 31
Hard
6 + 4 − 3 − 6 = 1

LOOP



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